



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation concerning Royall Mynes.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, hauing both by the iudgement and opinion of sundry persons of skil, and by divers trials and good experiments, received aduertisement of great probabilities, and assured hopes of finding within his Realmes of England and Ireland, and the Dominion of Wales, many rich Mynes of Silver and other Mettals, hauing in them Silver and Gold, which by his Maiesties lawes and prerogatiue Royall, do of right belong to his Imperiall Crowne; and hauing received divers Duertures and Propositions, for the discouering and working the same, hath beene pleased (as in a matter of speciall importance for the enriching of his Kingdones) not onely to commend the same to the serious consideration of his priuie Counsell, but maturely to consult and aduise thereon himselfe, and in the end, after many and deliuerate debatements thereof, hath with the aduise of his priuie Counsell resolved vpon these ensuing Articles.

First, that Leases for one and twentie yeeres shall be made vnder the great Seale of England for any the said Mynes, vnto such as will undertake the same, either in his Maiesties owne lands and soyle, or in the lands and soyle of any others within either of the said Realmes or Dominion, except the Countie of Cardigan.

Secondly, That for encouragement of the said Lessees, they shall hold the same two yeeres from the date of the said Leases free from any rent or payment to his Maiestie.

Thirdly, in case the said Lessees shall discouer any such Myne within the limits and bounds contained in their Leases, and after opening thereof, the Veine shall be found to runne into any other grounds adiacent, and being without the limits and bounds contained in the said Leases, the Lessees shall be enabled to follow and worke after the same Veine into all other places (excepting Mynes opened by others in the same ground, into which the Veine runneth, before the discouery made by such Lessees) alwayes allowing vnto such owners and possessors of the ground for the time being, into which the

Whene summe, and is followed, double the value of the summe soe, shall satisfie any way, the summe to be valued by the two next Justices of Peace, and in case that by colour hereof any wrong be missettly done, then further recompense to be given to the partie grieved vpon his complaint to the Kings Maestie, or the Lords of the priuie Counsell, as the qualitie of the cause shal merite. And the said Leases shall conteine such other ample Privilledges, Clauses and Covenants as shalbe fit, and may best encourage the the said Workes.

Fourthly, to the intent the said Mynes shal not lie unprofitable, as heretofore, his Maesties pleasure is, That the said Undertakers shall soe prepare and begin their worke with such convenient expedition, as that from the end of two yeeres after the date of their Leases, they shall allow and pay his Maestie the proportion of Silver and other Metall hereafter mentioned, and shall effectually proceede therein with such competent stocke and number of workemen, as the situation, richnesse, and condition of the Mynes shall require, and shall yeeld to his Maestie from the end of the said two yeeres, the tenth part of all the Gold, Silver, Copper, and Lead extracted and refined, which shall proceede of or come of the sayd Mynes. And for the more ease and expedition of such as shall sue for any such Leases, the Lord Treasurer and Chanceller of the Exchequer within the Realme of England, or either of them in the vacancie of the other, shall and may, without other suit to his Maestie, appoint the limits and bounds to be contained in each mans Lease, and give order accordingly to his Maesties Attourney generall. And his Maestie in favour to the owners of the lands, within which the sayd Mynes are, is pleased, that they, or such as they shall nominate, be preferred to the said Leases before all others, so as they attend the said Lord Treasurer or Chanceller, and take the same within three Moneths after the publishing of this his Royall proclamation in the Countie where the said lands lie. And in case they doe not attend and take the same within that space, then such persons shall be admitted to take Leases thereof, as shall first make suit for the same.

Given at the Court at Wansteede, the tenth day of July, in the two and twentieth yeere
of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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